

SEEKING INFORMATION

International Sex Crimes Investigation
Nicaragua, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Iran, Spain, Lebanon
1972-2014

WILLIAM JAMES VAHEY



December 2013



July 2004



May 1995



April 1986

DETAILS

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is seeking the public's assistance to identify alleged victims of a suspected international child predator. William James Vahey, a 64-year-old U.S. citizen, was a suspect in an international sex crimes investigation who committed suicide on March 21, 2014. His alleged victims were American and international students enrolled in private schools abroad where Vahey taught, beginning in 1972.

A USB thumb drive belonging to Vahey and provided to the FBI revealed pornographic images of minor males, approximately 12 to 14 years old, who appeared to be asleep or unconscious. The images were captioned with locations and dates that referenced places Vahey had previously traveled with students. When Vahey was confronted about the images, he reportedly admitted molesting boys throughout his entire life and said he gave the minors sleeping pills prior to the molestation.

FBI agents have reviewed photographs dating back to 2008 that depict at least 90 alleged victims. The FBI is seeking to notify individuals of the ongoing investigation and encourage additional alleged victims to come forward.

Vahey, who maintained residences in London and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, traveled extensively and internationally during the past four decades, working as a middle school and high school teacher at several American international schools in at least nine different countries. He taught history, geography, and social studies, and also coached junior varsity and basketball teams for boys. He regularly accompanied students on overnight field trips.

Between 1972 and 2014, Vahey was employed at the following schools:
American Nicaraguan School, Managua, Nicaragua: 2013 until March 2014;
Southbank International School, London, United Kingdom: 2009-2013;
Escuela Campo Alegre, Caracas, Venezuela: 2002-2009;
Jakarta International School, Jakarta, Indonesia: 1992-2002;
Saudi Aramco Schools, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: 1980-1992;
American Community School, Athens, Greece: 1978-1980;
Passargad School, Ahwaz, Iran: 1976-1978;
American School of Madrid, Madrid, Spain: 1975-1976;
American Community School of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon: 1973-1975;
Tehran American School, Tehran, Iran: 1972-1973.

If you have information about the ongoing investigation regarding William James Vahey, or believe you may have been victimized by him, please complete our confidential questionnaire or submit a confidential email to: HOvictimassistance@ic.fbi.gov. You can also contact your local FBI office or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.